programmes under Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub-plan are monitored at the Central Level through periodic reports furnished by the State Governments|U.T. Admns. Besides, the senior Officers of the Central Government also pay visits to the States|U.T. with a view to assess the actual impact of implementation of the scheme|programmes under SCP and TSP and the problems, difficulties, if any, faced during their implementation.

Review of the progress of implementation of the programmes is a continuous process. The aim, always, is to improve the position.

New schemes for organised rural poor

3219. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch any new scheme for organised rural poor in the country during the current year; and

(b) if so, what are the deatails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme is called, "Organisation of beneficiaries of Anti-Poverty Programmes". The objectives of the scheme are:—

(i) to increase the level of awareness of the target groups in regard to the programme content and facilities provided therein under programmes such as IRDP, NREP, RLEGP, TRYSEM, DWCRA, etc.;

(ii) to encourage their participation in the planning and implementation of these programmes;

(iii) to increase their bargaining power through group action;

(iv) to promote cooperative and group action among the beneficiaries;

(v) to establish a feed back mechanism and appropriate forum where a constant dialogue could take place between Government functionaries and beneficiary groups at village-level; and

(vi) to make the beneficiary groups self-reliant that is the group/individaul increasingly learns o do for themselves/himself what was done for them/him previously by others.

The scheme will be implemented by organising awareness generation camps for the target group. These will be organised by non-governmental agencies like Voluntary Agencies, National service Volunteer Corps and other agencies like Nehru Yuvak Kendras. The scheme will be implemented on a pilot hasis initially for two years in areas having strong voluntary organisations of other similar bodies

Production of Educational Programme with U.S. Collaboration

3220. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the production of educational (ETV) programme in collaboration with the United States;

(b) whether these programmes will be in English or whether these programmes are proposed to be dubbed in Hindi and other regional Languages for the benefit of all the children living far away from big cities; and

(c) what are the outlines of the proposed collaboration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agreement with FAO for Strengthening Fertilizer Quality Control Institutions

3221. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations

(FAO) and the Central Government have signed an agreement to strengthen India's fertiliser quality control institution.

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of this pact;

(c) the amount allocated by the Food and Agriculture Organisation for implementation of this project; and

(d) the steps being initiated by Government to give training to the fertiliser dealers in proper handling storage and safeguarding the required nutrient contents of bulk fertilisers apart from the provision of training facilities to Indian analysts and enforcement officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. A project with the objectives to improve the fertiliser quality control system in India has been signed between FAO and the Government of India, on 4th December, 1985.

(b) The work plan consists of a visit by two Indian officers to undertake a tour to three developed countries namely U.K., U.S.A. and Japan to study the analytical facilities and quality control system operative in those countries. This will be followed by a three man expert team from FAO to visit India. The team will identify areas requiring strengthening such as analytical facilities required to adopt new methods, training facilities to be strengthened in India as well as the need to provide training in some developed countries to Indian Analysts and Enforcement officials. The Expert Team will identify constraints and suggest improvements in the quality control system at all levels in India. The report of the team will be taken up by the Govt. of India with FAO for further support on suggested lines.

(c) An amount of US dollar 50,000 has been approved by FAO for this project.

(d) Fertiliser manufacturers and marketers have been organising regular training programmes for their dealers in educate them in different aspects of fertilisers. Government of India has also started organising fertiliser dealers training programme jointly with fertiliser industry and State Governments since 1983-84. Govt. of India is also organising training programmes for fertiliser analysis and enforcement officials at the Central Fertiliser quality Control & Training Institute since 1978-79. During 1985-86, training programmes are also being organised for enforcement officials in different States jointly by the Central Institute and the State Governments.

Aid from Sweden for rural water supply programmes

3222. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has recently been signed between India and Sweden under which Sweden will contribute Rs. 18 crores for India's rural water supply and environmental sanitation programme for the poorest and depressed groups during 1985-86;

(b) if so, what are its broad outlines;

(c) whether any programmes under the Swedish aid for water supply are likely to be extended to Rajasthan;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (e) An agreement has been signed between Sweden and UNICEF on 6th December, 1985 under which Sweden will make available a sum of Rs. 19.684 crores to UNICEF in support of rural water supply and environmental sanitation programme in India for the period 1 July, 1985 — 30 June, 1988. Out of this, funds to the extent of Rs. 19.536 crores will be channelled through the UNICEF. An amount of Rs. 0.148 crores is earmarked for monitoring and evaluation of Swedish support. The amount set aside for 1985-86 is Rs. 7.4 crores. Swedish assistance covers UNICEF's general budget for water supply and environmental sanitation (Rs. 17.02 crores) and a preparatory phase (1 July, 1985 — 30 June, 1986) of the Integrated Rural Water